

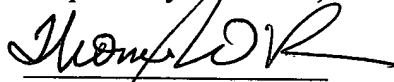
REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 4, 10-12, 14-22 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Regarding claims 10 and 14, applicant has added the phrase "window sash" in the preamble. In addition, applicant has added the phraseology "...shoe said balance shoe for retaining a window..." in the preamble of claims 10 and 14. Furthermore, line 13 of claim 10 now recites "...position such that when said balance shoe is in a window sash...", line 17 of claim 14 has the same recitation "...position such that when said balance shoe is in a window sash..." Regarding claim 13, applicant has added a comma after "wall", first occurrence. Regarding claim 30, applicant has changed the phraseology "such" to "said."

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, applicant's claims are patentable over the cited prior art and the application should be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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